

**WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE
AUGUST 5-8, 2012 – YAKIMA
INSERVICE EVALUATION SUMMARY**

5 = Excellent

4 = Very Good

3 = Good

2 = Fair

1 = Poor

2012 WA-ACTE Conference Objectives

To provide participants the opportunity to increase their knowledge and competencies while expanding their support network as they focus their professional development on the following:

1. Leadership for the classroom, school, and community
2. Integrated Education (CTE Innovation): Programs of Study, STEM, Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core State Standards
3. Acquire strategies to increase non-traditional student enhancement
4. Industry certification for students and teachers

1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.	3.67
2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.	3.53
3. The extent to which the following activities addressed by the conference have been met:	
a. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning.	3.49
b. Professional certificate standards.	3.66
c. School and district improvement efforts.	3.43
d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.	3.62
e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.	3.47
f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.	3.54
g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.	3.77
h. Building a collaborative learning community.	3.71
4. The quality of the physical facilities.	3.86
5. The quality of the oral presentations.	3.81
6. The quality of the written program materials.	3.47
7. Opening Session	3.25
8. General Session	3.19
9. Closing Session	3.29
10. Overall Conference Experience	3.57
11. Do you plan to attend next year's conference in Yakima, August 11-14, 2013?	Yes 84%
	No 16%

Content Comments – SC 2012

Program - go back to older format - date and all offerings under date, do not separate section offering because there are crossing over sections subjects and this format made it difficult. 1st day - only one speaker please, more dynamic upbeat speaker. Opening session should have been as dynamic as closing speaker.

Go through the awards more quickly during the main sessions.

Food - please - no fruit in Yakima? Carbs, carbs, carbs

More classes offering material towards middle school.

Where is Starbucks? @ Safeways!!

Opening session needs to be more exciting.

Would like to see the general session deleted and more classes offered,

I would like to see the opening session to be upbeat and get us pumped up and excited!

Conference should rotate to a new city each year vs. always in Yakima or Spokane. I enjoyed SeaTac last year. Change the flow of events -- make closing session Tuesday. The structure of the conference has been the same for the last decade. Change order of the events.

Great job! Made some great contacts & learned some tools I will use in the coming weeks and months. Great OSPI update on 21st Century Skills & Common Core Standards. Thanks.

I Wish Trevor Green was my principal.

Loved the last speaker.

I don't believe the general session should have been about the elections. Campaign speeches were awkward and uncomfortable. We were even asked for money. As for the hotel it was not too bad. The facilities were okay. Individual rooms were okay but could use some new pillows and towels.

I loved the sun.

WAVA luncheon - the worst...no vegetable/dessert - Box lunches better. Presentation on New Evaluation poor, 20 min. poor handouts and no interaction with audience. Independent Living/3rd year Math was best of show. Thank you! Please start listing lunch/breakfast menu on registration so we know if worth the dollars.

Overall nice conference. Nice job and thank you.

In general, Monday was weak in my opinion it should energize and not have lots of downtime. 11/2 hours is plenty for the vendors.

Not overly impressed. Please do not forget the small rural schools. Everything is focused on the flagship school district. Small struggling schools won't come, embarrassed, confused, isolation, also this impacts membership. Focus on great customer service for the same price and advocate to assist small schools - possible change costs to reflect FTE/District size to support the small struggling schools plus their staff, not just the director, My two cents

Please put tables in classrooms that us laptop computers. (WA Career/Path)

Opening session too long, lots of stalling. 90 minute break after session. Start later next year & keep it short and to the point.

Regarding the quality of the oral presentations and the quality of the written program material - varied rating best.

Consistent meals (some \$14.00 lunches had several items and others had only 1 small item. Would like more info about Yakima, list of restaurants, map, shopping centers and winery. I saw lots of teachers from my cluster @ field trip (16) but alas only 4 or 5 @ cluster breakfast (7-8 AM Wed) We need to do a better job of connecting with each other to talk about the value & benefit of meeting together or have mini meetings at session, or collect name, e-mail at every session, or follow up with what members need. I know some wants/needs haven't changed in the 35 years I have been doing this. Everybody wants time to share via copy machine, thumb drive or posting on a website.

General session seemed really boring!

General session, not interesting, time filler, lots of texting and chatting.

Networking opportunity for small districts - time to talk and meet to share how on solving problems of small districts. It seemed many of the "popular" or needed workshops were at the same times. Tuesday 1:45 had many needed: Perkins, WBL, etc. If someone attends alone, it is hard to get to all of workshops needed.

Food options could have been better.

Food at WAVA lunch and breakfast was horrible. Non edible

Nothing was outstanding for me.

Conference food not good but helped me eat less.

General session had excellent info but was slow and not suited for gear up. Would suggest later inclusion.

General session was lacking in content and quality.

Encourage people to bring internet accessible devices to a general session primarily geared toward that type of information. Where were all the STEM sessions offered? I saw one for science and one for guitar building.

Recommend to have collaboration with all group - teach strategies, include more business and college, diversity missing.

Enough of OSPI driven IT Academy, give things to take back to my classroom I use in September, not enough variety in sessions.

The WAME/WSBEA luncheon was excellent, great speaker. Grace Brady and Gabrielle Gervalis were my two favorite sessions.

The IT Academy & CCI classes were phenomenal. Looking forward to post conference.

Sessions for next year. IT Academy, Common Core, 21st Century, 3rd year CTE Math - still

Great Conference.

I was disappointed that there weren't more section options. A lot were repeated from last year.

Opening session too long for information presented. More sessions on best practices, activities, lessons for subject areas, sharing.

I would also suggest having more sessions focused on sharing lessons and best practices, things that teachers can use in the classroom immediately.

Opening session, not great.

There weren't many sessions for business teachers who are not teaching IT Academy.

Felt that there weren't many options for BAM teachers besides IT Academy sessions.

There also needs to be more substantive sessions on Monday and less filler.

Not a ton of new information.

Closing session, funny, I like humor.

The conference was great.

Closing session too long, Trevor humorous.

Not all pre and post conferences on registration when it came out and most lacked description. It would be nice if all information was ready when registration is opened up. Also descriptions are greatly appreciated.

Quality of food was fine. I also like the many choices of hotels.

Closing Session with Trevor was great.

Need more variety in general sessions for WAME WSBEA.

Get more folks here. Don't use Oxford Inn if possible. Rotate the pain among the professional organizations in future year. Have a Junior ROTC unit present the colors at opening ceremony.

Please send out a response to these evaluations. Would like to know that you are listening.

Streamline activities, less down time, start at 8:00 AM and finish no later than 3:00 PM. WAVA luncheon was disappointing given the cost.

Presenters had trouble with Wi-Fi in the presentations. Not enough diversity. WSBEA was lacking in choices if you were not an IT Academy teacher.

Start each day at 8:00 AM. I want my money's worth. Tuesday more specific sessions for subsections. The day does not have to end at 4:00 PM. Sessions can go longer. More is better. Use all of the time.

I do not believe the Superintendent of Public Instruction should be asking for money from attendees.

Computer Wi-Fi had difficulty managing in these sessions. Not enough hand-outs from instructors.

Opening keynote was a disgrace.

Reduce down time by having back up plan for main events.

Will be there next year.

Nice Job

LESS IT stuff. I know it's important BUT what about the rest of us. Loved the session on marijuana. We need to know more.

Pre load power points/handouts on WA=ACTE site. More specific lesson ideas. Special interest gathering areas, for example a lesson plan sharing or swap, could do an interest survey on reg. page?

I really like the conference, but not enough specific items for my teachers, but the ones that did come had a good experience. Seems less specific than 6 - 7 years ago. Loved having Randy Dorn.

Closing session was fabulous.

Closing Session =++++

Closing session great keynote speaker.

At opening session, have designated tables or areas for the different sections (WASTS,WITEA, etc) A class or two geared toward new teachers (1st & 2nd years for example).

More teachers sharing what they teach and how they do it.

More hands on CCTC

Opening sessions needs to be improved.

WAVA lunch & breakfast were horrible! Enjoyed the ice tea service. Great opportunity to network. Good sessions, helpful. Randy Cook's session should be highly recommended for all.

Level & quantity of section offerings vary too much. Each section needs to be consistent.

The opening key note was uninspiring, way too much down time. Not enough revenant offerings...WAVA lunch was horrible for \$14, no salad, no desert, no garnish, really? Breakfast was worse for \$11, the free hotel breakfast was better overall, not much value for the \$. Closing session was the best!

More choices for Sunday pre sessions...Beverages earlier (before) opening session. The explanations for breakouts weren't always what were presented. I thought last year's conference had better breakout sessions to pick from. Several I went to this time were rather boring. Lastly, I think all teachers need to be reminded about the behaviors they don't like in students: talking, leaving in the middle of the class, reading e-mail, texting. I was very upset that so many "professionals" represented most of us by using such poor behavior. I think at every conference at opening session the MC should remind the group of what behavior is acceptable. Do we really want people from industry to go out & tell co workers about how rude all the "teachers" were, that they were asked to speak to. If I had students treat a guest the way some of these teachers treated our guests, I would be so upset. Closing speaker was amazing. He could have kept the attention of the group for hours I think.

It might be nice to have a middle school specific session. FACSE @ that level really does differ from high school. I felt like most of what I went to addressed HS learners. I still learned a lot but will have to tweak a lot of what I got to work @ my level. Some of the panel descriptions were not clear 3/4 too vague. I did appreciate Dorn speaking in opening session. Regarding the quality of the presentations, Fepp & Gary Clinton were excellent. Regarding opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning, I heard this mentioned but wasn't shown examples.

We need updated, relevant curriculum ideas presented for the FACSE programs. i.e., how to use cake mix does not promote nutrition and obesity is a major health concern for our students.

Work with career pathways to develop professional development. Smaller hands on sessions.

Meals were minimal and marginal. This was a small conference. Networking limited.

Protein options for foods. Reduce electronic distractions during sessions by participants (distracting & disrespectful) Improve speakers, better clarity, relevant examples, positive attitude, allow participation. Katie Hall was a negative, fast & confusing speaker regarding new evals. Please encourage a tone of focus & respect at conference, not as much texting, FB & surgiins.

Thank you.

Framework examples best practices.

General session in theory was good idea. Explaining what WA-ACTE does & who they are is great. It's not necessary to take so much time. Please consider sharing this info in much less time. This time could then be committed to individual sections time...The Wednesday morning time could be placed or moved forward so a 3rd night in hotel is not necessary. This savings to districts will be helpful. In a sense you must condense conference to two days somehow. Sunday travel & pre conference, all day Monday & Tuesday should be enough.

Opening session was dull, needs to be more inspired. Great closing.

Only thing of value was connecting with people from across the state outside of the conference. What has happened? This was always the best conference for years...but no longer.

Opening session needs to be energizing, general session info for all WA-ACTE participants, focus would have been better as a session.

Tuesday was a packed productive day. Shorten the conference. I had the feeling in all but one of the workshops I attended that the information shared was a commercial for their product. Not a sharing of tools to use in our classrooms.

Opening session should be less politically driven. The toilet in our room didn't flush correctly & fan doesn't work. If items/workshops are canceled, let us know instead of no show from speaker, even a note on the door.

Leave the political begging for donations out of the conference please.

Day 1, got up at 5:00 AM and drove 60 miles to get here at 7:45 AM. It is now 1:15 and I have gotten nothing worthwhile, except lunch. Day 2, better. Would like to see careers in education update.

Would like a session on ASB/school store management. The info was fine but just too much. Maybe split them up.

Avoid political campaigns, I do my own research and make my decisions. I don't need more ads, on the flip side, Randy

Dorn's explanation of some political processes/decisions making were worthwhile.

Technology did not work in all sessions. Opening session, project pictures of all those people you're introducing and making stand up.

Thank you for bringing Ricky Hardy to speak. (IT Academy) His presentations were the absolute best of anything I have heard in the past 12 months.

Regarding school and district improvement efforts, 21st century skills/teacher evaluation. Thanks for the coffee.

The FACSE breakfast needed to have a protein food, eggs? More vendors for FACSE needed.

Need to let the presenters know if they are presenting in June. I had no idea if I was presenting until I got the program.

Excellent closing session! The opening session seemed very political.

Opening session, too long. Conference sessions were not valuable.

Felt like a political campaign first day only.

Have program available MUCH earlier so we can see what is being offered. It will help others decide to attend. More breakout sessions specific to the classes we teach, including professional development, learning ops. Start every morning at 8:00 AM. Provide box lunch last day instead of 1st. Bring in more professionals from outside of teaching to offer presentations on current trends & technology.

Better relevant round table, leaving salespeople in exhibit hall. Retirement benefits ok or investments, we know what they are & I like the 20-30 minute rotation so you get more.

Better food for paid lunches/meals. Vendors here for 2 days.

Try to find a motivational, inspirational speaker to close.

Enjoyed the closing speaker.

I really did come away with a great deal of information. Opening session, I really missed a keynote message. General session was great. I enjoyed my workshops.

Schedule seemed to be "feast or famine" with too many competing breakouts without repeats and general sessions of questionable value.

Great job!

More offerings, better offerings. So much was IT, what about other areas?

Better opening speaker.

While it is good to know the state situation, I came for info that I can use w/students. Unless this is improved I will only attend school year conferences.

Give more promotion of our beautiful valley to those from out of town. Bears tickets to game.

Have opening session start at 9 vs. 8 so people traveling from Seattle area have more time. Trevor Green was awesome!

Thank you for all of your effort to put on a quality conference!

Keep iced tea (water available). Have CTSO give presentation as part of opening. Let us hear from the kids. Thanks for all your time and efforts!

Not good food. Not exceptional quality to presentations. Need "how to" not always this is coming in 5 years.

General session needs more enthusiasm and interaction with audiences. Information conveyed was important but dry and boring. Enjoyed Randy Dorn but liked his past presentations with music and audience participation much better.

WA-ACTE officers need to introduce themselves, their WA-ACTE position and what they do as their profession (teacher at

xyz school, etc) makes the connection with us much stronger, even though we should, some of us don't know who our president or president-elect are. Greet the group with some excitement.

I would like to see more PRACTICAL classroom processes.

OSPI update was good. How about clock hours, VICA, Student club updates (do's and don'ts).

Round table idea was great; however, I suggest you do it as a whole group instead of individual tables so we can hear it all. Ricky was great.

Thank you for breakfast, lunch, snacks all 3 days.

I am not, by nature, a critical person but I was shocked at the lack of quality and usefulness of this conference. I attended two sessions that were moderately helpful but felt there were few offerings that were remotely relevant to my assignment. Additionally, many speakers were confusing, inarticulate and disorganized. Yikes! This was a scary representation of our profession. I have heard from others, however, that some sessions were excellent. Closing was great.

You really need to improve the quality of the food you select.

Opening session was too long - 10:45 - 12. Session on Monday was a waste.

More Career Guidance sessions.

Less general session, more break out. Conference could be done in 2 days with less breaks. Costs are too high.

Interactive - use of powerful teaching concepts. General Session & WA-ACTE Blog site does not work for my learning style. I will never use this site and it was a poor presentation. I don't feel excited by this conference. Not motivating.

More content on real classes!!! Adobe, Engineering, Cad, etc. Business Ideas.

Nice work. Great across the board classes.

Program published well in advance of conference.

Very excited to see the changes & ideas that will be forthcoming w/Shep as our new president.

Monday & Wednesday had little value. Awards not collaborative/connecting. What about doing them at opening (given by Sup?)

No more keynote & closing speakers. Monday waste of time. I need more classes to help me teach my students.

This session was shorter than usual, isn't it usually until Thursday?

Start at 9:00 and be consistent, not as many breaks.

Cross content area work.

Closing keynote speaker was fantastic. The opening session with Randy Dorn was great to start and then the political statements were uncalled for and it went downhill from there. Monday was a useless, wasted day in my opinion. Tuesday and Wednesday were fulfilling and interesting overall but there needed to be a 3rd choice for WSBEA, especially if you have already been through IT Academy training. More info and input on Common Core Standards would have been appreciated.

WAVA breakfast & lunch were horrible. The opening sessions were not worth attending, poor planning.

Opening session was not helpful, a waste of a morning. Lunch provided Tuesday was too heavy and unhealthy when you do nothing but sit. Closing session was very good.

WAVA food was awful (nicest thing I can say) Why mess with success. Monday morning was less than 1, what happened? Hopefully there was nobody new. Pack early conference because too many people have to leave early.....

General session did not appreciate political candidates asking for \$ support.

Too much lag time, filers. How about having the awards ceremony on Monday morning. Randy Dorn can give out the awards. Partner with the local colleges.

The descriptions did not seem to match the actual sessions. Have more relevant conference sessions with more detailed info (ex. Common Core)

Too much down time. Change to 2 day conference or put more sessions.

Food was just okay.

The second session in the morning was horrible. Change it. Let us have more section time. We come for section information. Opening Session, Randy was good, loving having students. The General Session was waste of time, boring, lost people.

CTE is awesome; training is always helpful.

Well done, interaction was valuable & timely. Nice to see OSPI supporting CTE, Dorn is truly an asset. Thanks to all for the extra effort.

Bring back music in Dorn's speech. Regarding building a collaborative learning community, make time to speak with peers.

Way to go!

Thank you for another great conference.

Closing session was awesome! Need more specific section training to take back to the classroom.

Roundtables.

Food was poor quality. Too many things @ Admin/OSPI level and not enough classroom ideas.

Opening was a downer. Need to be inspired! A lot of dead time on Monday. Can we ever consider a 2 1/2 day conference? Tighten things up.

Mr. Greene awesome speaker, bring him back for some smaller meetings/workshops at the next conference.

End at 11:00 or 11:30 AM so it is easier to check out of hotels and keep luggage, etc. in rooms.

Less overall education issues and more content specific that applies to our classrooms.

Good quality, never enough of written program materials.

Need more sessions for all sections. Not as many learning opportunities this time.

Need more relevant and current content.

Thank you!

Invite basic Admin. Make breakouts cross curricular so they have a reason to attend.

More vendors/Time for meeting with school districts.

Needs a motivational speaker to dynamically kick off the conference. The opening session was disappointing.

Turn down the heat outside.

WAVA lunch was not delicious.

Appreciate association lesson in opening session.

Could this be done in 2 days rather than 2 1/2?

The 1st day was very long. I wish there had been more sessions. It felt very drawn out and like time was just being filled, but not with extensive value, the rest was excellent.

Lack of sessions relative to HSCTE; tools for classroom instruction, methods, current changes in Health Sciences etc.

It would be nice to add at least one session morning of first day, less time for opening/general session.

I thought the networking was great.

More variety & less duplicate workshops. This was my 1st year attending & it was boring and very uninformative. Food was bad too.

Great!

Please switch to Spokane.

Keep bringing back the Microsoft t IT guy from North Carolina, Mr. Hardy, he was great.

Encourage more to participate in FACSE fair share round tables. Opening session online? Great to get written program materials.

Have board meeting on Sunday. Monday was a non relevant day.

Please include teaching method since we have to teach the career.

Very limited learning opportunities, too much wasted time. Could have combined into 2 days. Sunday class not worth \$100, learned it all previously at conference in past PM. More applied content, not just info.

Not as good as in past years.

Content not relevant!

Need more break-out sessions that provide more curriculum info (especially FACSE) Not many vendors for FACSE? Really like last year when given ppt. & notes on the 1g flash drive. It allowed me to take less notes and pay attention more.

Use of time was wasted. Need more offerings and better opening sessions. Motivated to teach not waiting until second or third day.

I have 2 new STEM teachers here & 3 workshops that they attended. Had a no show speaker. That is not acceptable.

Three of the sessions that I planned on attending, the presenters failed to show. Paper Roller Coasters, Gravity Coaster and Trebul's.s.

Perception is that all decisions pertaining to conference revolved around making money first, quality experience second. Have activities or socials that leave the convention center. Send out pertinent conference info out through additional methods besides Assoc.com.

I felt like most of this year's sessions were talking at us, about stuff we already know. I need ideas, strategies & resources, not political blah blah blah. And the FACSE luncheon is too expensive. That is why I have never gone in the past 6 years, only went this time because a friend received an award. Also, specifically in the FACSE section, it feels like only the board members get awards. Ugh. Shouldn't we be recognizing the teachers in our area who are actually doing great things in the classroom? Because right now it just feels like you have to "know" the right people, so exclusive. That is why our section is dying and can't find new people for roles. I am a young and accomplished teacher who hates to go to her own sections sessions because of the lack of relevance or current information. It is just the same sessions over and over and all the presenters are the same, all the officers are the same, again...ugh. I have always gone over to the Business sessions because I actually learn something there. Apparently Fall Conference is better, but what good teacher wants to leave her kids in the fall? And plan sub plans etc. Those sessions should be repeated at summer conference. Our section should host a no-cost social to encourage new blood in our organization I actually overheard someone talking to another group about how exclusive and snobby FACSE is. I agreed, which is sad. OK vent over. I just want to be excited about our section because I truly am passionate about the subjects. I want to feel like we are a big family rather than everyone looking at a group of 8 to 10 popular. FACSE peeps who nominate themselves to the awards and toot their own horn every moment

possible. We are all amazing educators. Something needs to change.

More workshops, very few apply to my content; visual/CAD/animation.

Pre-registration catalog like old days. The quality of these conferences has declined in most every aspect in the past decade. Therefore, an accurate pre-registration would help maybe.

Opening session with Randy was good but need full program, should not have 45 minutes empty time period. General sessions? Candidate's presentation okay, rest of session worthless. I don't come to a general session to learn info aimed at 75 people or how to do social media. Tuesday AM start at 8:00 AM. Personal fitness should be done on individual's time.

Need more and wider variety of sessions. Need session that provide take home materials. Only 1 session in my area no reason to come to conference if this stays the same next year, This has been ongoing problem over the last 2 - 4 years. Consider how to include more fun & excitement into program

Get section websites to net-link to ACTE Community site. Would like to figure out a way to bring more bodies into general session. FACSE section is strong & connected, as always! Budget constraints will prohibit summer conference attendance in lieu of fall FACSE conference.

This was by far the worst summer conference I have been to. The quality of the sessions was not up to par. More options of food - food allergies. Closing speaker, principal from Toppenish was awesome, very personable, great message.

I teach technical writing, why are there no classes on this? Ever.

More relevance to teaching such as specific strategies and examples, not just overviews of everything. I loved the keynote speaker on Monday.

More "sharing" of teacher ideas/best practices, hands on curriculum. Less keynote speakers more interactive.

Change up the first day, from 8-12 in one room with no meaningful presenter is too much. The quality of the oral presentations varied.

General session was very poor, waste of time, lots of blah, blah, blah, nothing useful. I drove for 3 hours to hear that? WAVA lunch also very poor, starch, carbs & fat, no salad or vegetables or protein, lots of people can't eat pasta and dairy, need other sides/option. \$14 for fat? Seriously, better planning needed.

Being new to CTE Director would have been nice for pre conference "CTE 101".

ASL things were terrible! Maybe going to Oregon would be better...ASL people were rude!!!

I wish we had an opportunity for hands-on application & let us know ahead of conference to bring our computers, lesson plans, questions, etc. Also wish we had been given a highlighter.

I thought it was well thought out and planned. FACSE committee did a tremendous job. Kudos to Kim Sweet, Angela Combe, Cindy Legley and Marina Parr. Also Jennifer Chambers and Jodi Galli. Also Linda Jekel and Leslie Nuttman.

More relevant round tables are needed. Possibly put on by more vendors if possible. TSO roundtables had no traffic.

Everything ran great. Thank you for all your hard work as it shows.

The first day was not impressive. The opening and general sessions were not a good use of time. Either have a keynote or allow us to move on to sessions related to our field.

Opening session needs to be more inspiring, less business. Very happy that Editing & After Effects were rescheduled so not to compete with Theater lighting workshops. They were excellent. Thanks. Please more art/media workshops next year. Thanks. Also, media literacy. Please put the Arts in STEM.

Liked Randy Dorn, opening session, very humorous, engaging. General session need short videos/DVS to relate to information. Closing session being presented. Short interactive table. When schools/districts are receiving scholarships, someone from that district needs to attend. I felt bad for the presenter who passed out \$1000 scholarships and no one was there to receive the scholarship. More sessions on first day related to the areas we teach in.

Much of the info in opening sessions could have been shortened put in the program. Mr. Greene was excellent in the closing session. Randy Dorn was a great speaker. Group meetings, good.

CGCA excellent resources. Closing session, Shep was preaching to the choir. Toppenish principal great. Not relevant to the conference sessions (open) Monday AM. Toppenish principal should have opened the conference on Monday.

As a first year young teacher I was unimpressed with the WA-ACTE Conference. I found myself disengaged constantly, New energy. We are teachers; it should be fun & energizing. Need more classes on specific class types and on technology (Google Docs, Wordpass, Adobe etc...) Closing speaker was a great motivation into the new year.

Encourage vendors to sponsor "after-hours parties" I miss these, not all of us are LDS and want to see some more booze (after hours) similar to industry conferences. This would liven up the conference, get people to come to Yakivegas. Bring back the Tuesday Fun Run. You have WA-ACTE members who are runners, cross country coaches, etc. that are willing to put this on if they are asked.

Workshop Session Comments – SC 2012

Terrible sessions when presenters read power point. Very sad. Not enough materials at sessions, even at pre-sessions which I paid for.

Two sessions on Tuesday the instructions never showed up. Find a way to either put a note on the door or send a person down to let people know the session is cancelled.

Monday morning session worthless. Same with afternoon. Next year I will skip Monday and save dollars. Career Pathways website tools should have said Counselors, not for the classroom teacher. Waste of time.

Canceled sessions and no shows were frustrating. This may have caused me to skip a couple of years then come back to see if you fixed it. Delegate meeting poorly run.

Recruit younger age participants (21-35) to do workshops. Lots of gray hair at this event/not reaching out to younger members.

We need to collaborate with WASA (Admin) and others outside of CTE so we can attempt true CCSS. It will not happen until there is mutual respect of BEA/CTE. I am an experienced (33 years) CTE/FACSE teacher.

Not a lot of relevance - need more "take home" things that we can use in our classrooms.

Put everything on a thumb drive. No political campaigning in opening session.

I enjoyed past opening/general session with unique speakers, such as the gentleman speaker who lost his father as a child and CTE saved his school career. He spent his life carrying on the CTE torch. Forgot his name.

The classes were okay. Nothing to get too excited about.

One seminar was cancelled but not informed about the closure. At least a sign on the door would have been nice.

For being my first conference, I found every session I attended very informative. Great location and nearby facilities.

WBL Session with Betty Johnson was scattered and got led off track by one person asking lots of questions. NCAA Session wasn't really for everyone but you couldn't tell until you attended the session.

Presenters/keynotes were seemingly unprepared. Presentations went short & lacked information.

Not enough materials in two sessions. Liked website info in General Session. Shep was great and so was Trevor.

Would like to see some workshops on Mac Adobe Creative Suite Programs. Lots of staff on Microsoft Academy but there a lot of teachers also teaching the Adobe program.

Great sessions in composites/plastics. Follow up with information (Mary Bredeson) for state awardees in aircraft assembly technician; would like to see a group formed to keep this collaboration going, also to keep teachers talking to each other & Boeing!!

Give clear directions to off conference sites (ie: Final Cut presentation @ YVCC, directions omitted the fact that it was at a portable building behind.

I was looking forward to Anatomy & Phys framework discussion. It didn't happen. 21st Century Skills info was very good. So was CTE Teachers Evaluation. More activities that align to standards that we can implement. Closing session was amazing.

JAG need a speaker.

Not enough WSBEA stuff

Favorite session: Lighting Seminar on Tuesday.

Would love more nuts and bolts of how to do my job.

The OSPI update with Mary Nagel was great. Keep up the great work!!

Two presenters no-shows at workshops that I tried to attend and no one notified me or the others waiting.

Photo shop training, In-Design too. Excellent closing speaker.

A session on video games in STEM.

Ran out of written materials at many workshops.

Four of the five sessions I came for didn't happen.

Conference seemed smaller both in exhibitors and in the diversity of breakout sessions for each area. My area was WSBEA,

This was my first WA-ACTE Summer Conference. I was disappointed until Tuesday when HSCTE spent the afternoon together at Yakima Community College. That was very helpful. The sessions on Monday were not helpful at all.

Photography (3 hr) session great!! More please. IT Academy Cert. Keep it up.

Need to have a greater selection of break-out sessions for all areas so there is more choices for cross-subject learning.

Hard copy hand-outs with web-site pages and other info available for distribution.

Learned a lot about Standards & Assessments.

All break-out sessions were good for FACSE.

It would have been nice to have the FACSE workshops spread out during the week better. There were too many workshops that conflicted with each other.

More handouts at sessions, ran out during session.

Cleaning the smoke on marijuana/Kathy Kegley session was wonderfully presented.

Thanks for CCL testing lab.

I loved the 1st year financial algebra class, extremely helpful!

Need more written program material.

STEM, picture framing, mat cutting & swirl dip painting, contact Rich Arlt, Wahlake, S.D.

More FACSE options.

More time devoted to technical workshops.

Presenters were told to plan for "SD attendees" in their workshops. Many went away with nothing. More copies of presentations/materials should be available.

I felt that there were not as many learning opportunities for college & career counselors.

I appreciate the amount of information I was able to get about the IT Academy and options for industry certification.

Three of the sessions I was planning on did not happen because the presenters did not show up. This was disturbing because there were few sessions aimed at my field of teaching, so I had fewer opportunities to take back to my class best teach practices.

Great WSBEA breakfast speaker.

Our WSBEA breakfast & luncheon speakers were excellent!

Some of my presenters ran out of handouts. Will presentations be available on WA-ACTE or OSPI website? I couldn't follow what Tim Knue was talking about for access to presentations.

Changes in locating of presentations were impossible for me to keep track of. I missed one I very much wanted to be @ because location changed a couple of times.

The length of sessions were too long for the presentations,. We had too much down time and not enough content. Some presenters were notified days before the session that they were to present, others did not show at all.

WSBEA poor sessions except for IT Academy.

Too much down time! Some sessions ended 15-20 min. before time; too long between sessions. Presenters not present or unprepared in others. Not a lot of new info; nothing extremely motivating for teachers (ie: Bill Daggett & other previous speakers.

Section sessions were good.

Half of the presenters had adequate amount of paper work to hand out, the other half did not have enough for everyone. No program prior to conference, hard to prepare.

Appreciate great presentation on CCSS. Workshops were well organized. Enjoyed the presentations made by educators. Thanks for volunteering.

Section sessions were great.

Remove tables from break-out session rooms, makes rooms crowded. Would be more comfortable with chairs only. IT Academy sessions were good.

Every session I attended was excellent.

More sessions that are specific to content areas. Child development, nutrition.

Make sure all presenters show up. Two talks I really wanted to see were canceled with no notice.

Great except the one teacher

I liked the photography. Always short on handouts.

Cindy Kegley on marijuana was great.

Speakers did not show up.

Make sure presenters have enough hand-outs.

Lectures should be designed to deliver specific material.

Appreciated variety of presenters.

Three classes had no speakers, Paper Roller Coasters, Gravity Coaster and Trebuls's. Set aside for these, pay to come here, and no speakers! Very poor!

Many presenters were not prepared with handouts.

Some of the oral presentations were great, some not so great. Quality of written program materials not so good.

I attended a workshop for social media, the technology did not work and he was not prepared for it.

Presenters were fair not very good this year. There was nothing for me. We are a small rural school district with no funds for the frills.

Loved the free online tools for teaching. Needed more time and LARGER room. Excellent.

Not enough materials in some sessions.

Presentation on teacher evals (Yakima) only 15 min., poorly done.

Much of the open and general sessions were a waste of time. Could have most of the info on the website before the conference.

JAG presentation awesome.

Found many presenters unprofessional in their speaking abilities and the content I heard. The facilities did not seem prepared. Howard Johnson internet never worked & rooms not ready and was very unhappy with the overall conference.

When a session is canceled, it would be nice for somebody to come in the room and officially tell us. As a presenter, I would have liked some more pre-conference communication. I found out my date and time by looking at the conference schedule. Signs on doors directing you to registration desk when you enter building.

Make sure all conference rooms have wireless connections that really work. WSBEA good breakfast and luncheon speakers. Monday, too much lag time not enough interest. WSBEA, don't forget about Accounting, what is new and innovative. Great job with IT Academy. Would like more but this time from Washington teachers. Thanks. Have not been here for a few years. See you next summer.

Regarding building a collaborative learning community, need time & instructions to do this. Professional certificate standards, need to have specific info & Q & A with a qualified presenter. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning. For online & IT presentations should be handout and laptops. Good information.

It was disappointing to go to sessions & not have the presenter show up. The best part of conferences for me is linking up with teachers who do the same things you do and hearing their good ideas and sharing plans & strategies. When I leave I always hope to leave with new project ideas/plans. I feel like many of my session choices did not present new ideas on the topic but were just ideas we already all agree on.

Provide structures to meeting other people in our clusters (assign tables @ opening?) Much less time on vendor sales pitches, it's one thing to have session on learning/teaching an industry standard tool (i.e. Final Cut Pro) that's okay. What is a waste is when vendors are doing a sales pitch for a testing product. We need more CTE specific, discipline specific content. The CCSS session was good (one of the very few sessions like this that have been worth the time in the six years I've been coming. These "rules & regs" session are the responsibility of district/building, let them organize the event. This is CTE time many of us are "singletons" use the time we have with other teachers to network and learn from each other.

Two of the "speakers" @ an off-site event used that time to promote their side job, and very little time how to use their great knowledge in the classroom. Maybe offer a "beginning and/or advanced" class. The "everybody" class is not as quality or learning able for beginning or advanced teachers.

Three WITEA session on Tuesday, Trebucket, Paper Roller Coaster & Cashing in the classroom were no shows. I allocated my time to see these and was unable to get in to other sessions because I was there too late since I waited for the speakers to show up. There needs to be better communication if a session is canceled or changed we have time to plan.

Many of the session speakers were awesome. Rick Hardy taught three sessions on the IT Academy. They were excellent and the most valuable learning I have received in 2 years on IT. Microsoft should hire him. Common Core for all on Monday was helpful but there was not enough materials so had no idea what was being discussed on many occasions. Dennis Small and 21st Century Online Tools, excellent, very helpful and love his style. OSPI Update; Venitia, very helpful. It would be really nice to have workshops on "how-to implement" all of the new Standards and skills instead of telling us we have to. Give us real examples. Show us how-to rework frameworks to include them. WSBEA luncheon was excellent. FBLA, Dawne & Judy very helpful. Need workshops on implementation of requirements.

Program Info Comments – SC 2012

New program format makes it more difficult to find sessions outside our groups. Many of us wear many hats and I missed a couple sessions because it was under a group I didn't think it would be in.

Very confusing

The session program was very difficult to try to plan your day if you weren't following your assoc.

Program layout was super confusing, maybe go with day by day and color code section group offerings for something.

Maybe a grid. Hard to figure out what repeated when in current format, hard to plan ahead.

The program book is a confusing mess. Put classes in chronological order.

Program was very poorly organized, it was difficult to find what was offered when.

Program was confusing. Need M-T-W generic day first and then break sections w/page numbers for easy navigation. WAVA...pgs 3-6, WSBEA...pgs 8-12...

The booklet hard to follow.

Layout of schedule in program book was hard to use.

Program really hard to use...sorry

The program guide book was very confusing.

The program list of workshops is very difficult to follow for those who do not focus in only 1 area. Is it possible to list all by time to see everything available in one time slot?

Program was very difficult to follow, therefore missed out on valuable conferences.

Program hard to use.

Program was very confusing.

Organization of conference program made it difficult to follow.

Program in order by date rather than by section. i.e. date, time, section, section, date, time, section

The program was difficult to use. PLEASE return to time slots. Most people do not go to sessions just in their sections. I generally go to 4 different sections.

Program very hard to navigate. Poor signage for programs on exact room.

The program was terrible to try and figure what and where was going on. I felt it was very unorganized. I still didn't know what was going on Wednesday the last day.

Program difficult to read. Would have been easier to read if activities of the day were listed together instead of by category.

Program was exceedingly frustrating. Needs to be organized so that all sessions at a given time are listed together.

Would like to see agenda printed based on times of sessions rather by sections. Hard to see what was offered each time slot.

The program was too confusing, same times on different pages. It was difficult to navigate.

The program was very confusing. Please arrange by time rather than section. Please have the description in the program match what is actually presented.

Program was not conducive to planning my schedule since I don't stay w/in 1 section area. Should be organized by time (not sections). Session descriptions sometimes were not accurate, so wasted time in some sessions that didn't meet my needs.

Please improve the conference program. I found it difficult to follow.

The booklet of meeting times was very hard to follow.

I hated the way classes were listed. It was very confusing and difficult to follow.

The program - list all of same day/time together with symbols of "group" after title.

The schedule needs to be improved! I think if everything that was happening at any given time was listed together with the acronym after it, it would be much easier to read and plan.

Set up of program by sections was confusing. Go back to sessions by time. I like the option of attending sessions in another section.

Didn't like how the program was set up by organizations. Need to include a schedule that shows all workshops and times on one sheet.

Make schedule by time frame NOT section. We need to see if another session may have something for us. It was confusing and very hard to read.

Program - did not like format, hard to keep skipping pages to find sessions to attend.

Would like the program to show all the session for the same time together. It was a hard program to read and see all the sessions going on.

Eliminate listing sessions by section group in program.

Revise brochure W/TOC

Do not assign the written program by program area. Too confusing.

Conference guide hard to follow, breaking into groups not evident to new folks. A system with tracks for each group and master track diagram would make it easier to pick classes.

The program, please put back order of date rather than by organization.

Dividing brochure into sections was confusing.

Bring back old program, this one was too frustrating to use.

Time/chronological listings of all sessions instead of by section. Make session program and/or sessions topics available sooner.

Program organized by date and time, not pathway.

Program. If you have to split it up by sections, then days, then add a rubric showing all classes at all times. It was hard to get through all the "Tuesday" sections. I go to different sections.

Go back to old way of organizing brochure.

Schedule brochure was extremely hard to follow. Arrangement of presentation by clusters does not work well.

The program was hard to follow.

The program is good that it is smaller/less hassle.

Would like to see program by time so that we can see other offerings besides our own sections more easily.

Program was a mess.

Program was very difficult to read, poor layout.

Conference brochure is so hard to read/understand. I might suggest a grid method showing all sessions at same time.

Hate the new format for session information.

Program was hard to follow. Need to go back to the way it was last year.

Not orderly per date.

Some of break-out sessions didn't do what they said they were according to your booklet.

The workshop descriptions didn't match the content presented.

I found the program very confusing b/c it wasn't organized by day and it made it more difficult to look @ everything available to me.

It was a little confusing to find the daily offerings mixed up throughout the schedule with Tuesday sessions placed in the schedule after some Wednesday sessions.

I like the program by date, not by section.

The order of the program was a bit confusing.

Prefer the program to be by the time period rather than by group, was harder to find opportunities.

Conference agenda hard to figure out.

The program was very difficult to read.

Change format of printed conference program.

Need to have a matrix showing all session time options in one spot. Repetition of more popular choices to avail opportunity for more people.

Program layout was confusing and hard to follow.

Program (paper) was hard to use; strange organization.

Program guide difficult to follow.

Different layout for sessions, one for Tuesday, one for Wednesday. Would be easier to view what is offered for each hour.

Change the conference program to a table format; the current program is very difficult to navigate.

Daily master schedule /map near entrance. Activity listed outside room door (with time) I may want to jump to another discipline for some workshops so I want to see what is happening.

Conference program, poor - need overview of all sessions by time period. Missed several sessions due to having to look at all sections to find material.

The booklet was horrible to figure out.

Please, please, please set the conference handbook up so it is not so confusing.

Need a matrix page, separate from program, to plot out & see all my opportunities.

Program is very confusing!!!

Please go back to the old time focused program, this one I could not understand. Very confusing.

Social Event Comments – SC 2012

What happened to the barbecue at the winery? Otherwise great information. thank you.

The Fiesta was a huge disappointment. Cheap food, poor selection. Improper serving techniques. Need location off-site. Music was good.

Arrange a different type of outing, back to winery tour.

The Fiesta location was AWFUL. Too hot & food was poor quality. Open "cash" bar was very expensive.

Awards Fiesta was not good, too hot, food poor, not a good venue for awards or socializing.

Missing social connection of past conference w/BBQ.

Fiesta, disappointing \$25 for dinner, should have had a speaker for people inside. The barbecue is one of the highlights, where was it?

Fiesta on the pavement vs winery on the lawn, which would you choose?

Bring back event at winery!

Awards Fiesta was a nice scenario, but would prefer going to vineyard or something that gets you away from convention center.

Going to vineyard is a nice break in conference.

Tuesday dinner has to be out at the winery or similar location, in town does not work. Count me out if it is the same next

Convention Center Comments – SC 2012

Small rooms need better air circulation.

The conference center was a little too over air conditioned for me.

Temp in rooms at the convention center and at the Howard Johnson were too cold. 5 to 10 degrees warmer would be nice.

Too cold on Monday AM.

It was either too cold or too hot in the convention center.

The cooling was perfect, not too hot & not too cold.

Very helpful convention center staff.

Facility was great

Great site location.

Wonderful staff at center

Yakima is a great location.

Yakima is a great location for the conference.

Not so cold this year.

Great meeting facilities.

Holiday Inn Comments – SC 2012

The Holiday Inn is a great place to stay.

Holiday Inn staff was very helpful. Good facilities.

Facility was great

Red Lion Comments – SC 2012

Get rid of Red Lion. Horrible customer services and room are run down.

Red Lion was overall a terrible place to stay, eat, etc., their customer service was not good.....

It was disappointing to learn that my reservation at the Red Lion did not include the complimentary breakfast that other guests enjoyed.

Red Lion Tower Section, not that safe.

Red Lion housekeeping did not come to service room until almost 5:00 PM

All the rooms were very cold in Red Lion, needed to turn down AC.

Red Lion Room 236, inconsistent internet service. My pajamas came up missing on day 2, smell of vomit outside my room and down the stair case outside my room on day 2. Tile base boards in bathroom filthy; bath mat had holes in it.

Be clear with Red Lion expectations, room was fine, meals were not.

Food - please - no fruit in Yakima? Carbs, carbs, carbs

WAVA luncheon - the worst...no vegetable/dessert - Box lunches better.

Food options could have been better.

Food at WAVA lunch and breakfast was horrible. Non edible

WAVA lunch & breakfast were horrible!

WAVA lunch was horrible for \$14, no salad, no desert, no garnish, really? Breakfast was worse for \$11, the free hotel breakfast was better overall, not much value for the \$.

WAVA lunch was not delicious.

Howard Johnson Comments – SC 2012

Internet connection in sessions @HJ speaker could not do his presentation.

Internet at HJ was not working for presenters.

HJ terrible hotel. Business conference at Howard Johnson was gross.

I will not attend if it is in the HJ again. HJ is an extremely poor facility, dirty, no food; internet in all the presentation rooms was spotty at best causing three speakers not to be able to use their technology, how embarrassing.

Internet access at Howard Johnson not adequate.

Better internet access at Howard Johnson.

PLEASE GET OUT of HOWARD JOHNSON!!! I WILL NOT COME TO CONFERENCE IF HELD AT HOWARD JOHNSON.

Better internet connection in workshop rooms at Howard Johnson, Vineyard B.

Poor internet at Howard Johnson, speaker couldn't access video in Vineyard B.

I noticed a lot of internet problems at the Howard Johnson and presenters weren't able to show their presentations.

Howard Johnson, not good.

Howard Johnson, poor internet service and breakfast, Styrofoam coffee cups. WSBEA luncheon very poor, salad was mostly iceberg. Is there a better hotel for us other than the Howard Johnson?

Internet access for speakers horrible at Howard Johnson. Light going on and off in Apple Room.

Facilities at Howard Johnson were not adequate for speakers. Two session I attended at HJ were unable to access internet, which made several presenters struggled.

Internet access in Howard Johnson was nonexistent.

Need to have better Wi-Fi at Howard Johnson so we can get on as the presenters weren't able to access internet.

The technology "internet connectivity" was terrible at Howard Johnson, interfering with the presenters presentations.

Internet was very poor at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

Internet access was terrible at best at Howard Johnson.

Howard Johnson internet access is very slow, very slow, so slow that we will meet at another location if not corrected, this applies to all meeting rooms.

Howard Johnson couldn't handle Wi-Fi service.

The Howard Johnson Hotel wasn't conducive for a productive meeting facility. Fix the Wi-Fi.

Wireless connection at Howard Johnson sucks.

Don't use Howard Johnson! Poor internet.

We need better faster internet, many speakers were negatively impacted by slow nonexistent internet.

Slow internet for presenters. Need faster Wi-Fi. Missed info because of no Wi-Fi.

The Howard Johnson Hotel fails on all levels. The network was unavailable during sessions. The rooms are inferior.

Howard Johnson's Wi-Fi was not working at all or very sporadic. Presenters and participants had too many problems.

Internet access at Howard Johnson was poor, two sessions on Tuesday were not able to access the internet and the presentations suffered. The MOJO at Howard Johnson is a no go!!!

For a conference location to not be able to handle Wi-Fi network load asked of it is not okay. All presenters in the Howard Johnson could not use the Wi-Fi for their presentations. This was not their fault but the facility's.

Improve hotels near convention center; Wi-Fi Internet connectivity was poor at Howard Johnson Hotel.

Some rooms were too small to accommodate the number of people wanting to attend a session (Howard Johnson).

Technical difficulties at Howard Johnson with internet connectivity.

GET OUT of Howard Johnson.

Howard Johnson Hotel, terrible. three sessions no internet, dirty, no restaurant. etc.

Howard Johnson is awful. Will not attend if housed at HOJO next year, no restaurant, no internet, rooms dirty, and power problems.

Howard Johnson MUST make major changes to Wi-Fi, it is a disruption to participation and presentation of seminar info.

Internet connection pretty please! Room at Howard Johnson not very satisfactory. Needs improvement, interrupted several workshops.

Howard Johnson had no internet in conference rooms. Presenters had hard time.

Internet access for presenters at Howard Johnson.

Three rooms did not have internet access that would work for presenters & attendees, too slow of internet. Please fix before next year. Could not see the presenter's full presentation due to this.

Internet was really slow.

Howard Johnson internet didn't work for a single session I went to.

BE SURE YOUR INTERNET WORKS BETTER.

No internet at Howard Johnson.

Howard Johnson internet not sufficient for needs, frustrating when presenters can't show their presentations.

Internet connection at HJ was poor to nonexistent.

Howard Johnson needs wireless that works. Presenters could not out to internet.

Unable to connect IPad to Wi-Fi at Howard Johnson.

Howard Johnson has limited internet access. Doing notes was a problem.

HJ rooms too old & unsanitary, bugs, very low sinks. Howard Johnson is getting old; please consider condition of sleeping rooms before saying yes to using hotel for attendees. Conference rooms are nice. Slow water is not hot. Bad TV reception, Inadequate breakfast. Meat is good to eat sometime. Went to Holiday Inn to get a nice breakfast. Should never recommend HJ. Poor standards.

Wi-Fi for presenters and attendees inadequate, causing presenters to interrupt or drop parts of their media presentations. Howard Johnson was the area where this occurred most often. No signal, very slow response if connected, presenters could not show videos they had embedded in their power point presentations. Not fair to presenters.

The Howard Johnson was a very bad experience. The hotel rooms were dirty, old, outlets didn't work, food was bad, coffee was terrible, towels were too small, the internet did not work, and no restaurant and conference rooms were too small. If we were housed at the Howard Johnson next year I would NOT come to the conference.

Lack of consistent internet connection in Howard Johnson meeting rooms adversely affected the quality of presentations. Howard Johnson rooms need to be updated. The sheets on my bed were the worst I've ever slept on. The towels seem to have been around for too many years, small and very rough. The continental breakfast lacked variety. Please don't assign Marketing Educators to Howard Johnson in the future.

Howard Johnson not prepared for volume of internet access request. Howard Johnson needs to put in a stronger Wi-Fi/internet access. Howard Johnson Plum room is too small for Business & Marketing Pathway luncheon. Please do not seat 10 per table, too crowded, no elbow room.

I am disappointed that WA-ACTE once again chose the Howard Johnson. I enjoy summer conference, the networking and development but will not return to Yakima. The hotel was horrible, sheets dirty, broken sliding door. Small towels, the restaurant was closed. The internet did not work in the sessions. Two sessions I attended could not complete their presentations b/c of poor connection.